

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application and for discussing this matter on the telephone on April 7, 2011.

Claims 20-22, 24-27 and 29-30 remain in the application. No claim amendments are made herein, however, if the Examiner feels that minor claim amendments are required for clarification purposes, Applicant requests that the Examiner propose such changes via Examiner's amendment, specifically, if the Examiner wishes to clarify that the optical functions defined by the pattern of micro-optical structures (currently in claims) are different (currently implied by claims).

Claims 20-22, 24-27 and 29-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,698,941 to Jaskie et al. (hereinafter Jaskie). For the following reasons, the rejection is traversed.

Independent claim 20 requires:

- A) Plurality of micro-optical structures in a layer;
- B) Micro optical structures are arranged in at least two sections;
- C) Each section including a pattern of micro-optical structures; and
- D) Patterns of micro-optical structures at least in adjacent sections are different from one another.

The Office action refers to following portions of Jaskie for each requirement

- A) Plurality of micro-optical structures in a layer.

Grooves 920 in Fig. 19

B) Micro optical structures are arranged in at least two sections

Grooves 920 on opposite sides of "adhesive" indicator 940 in Fig. 19

C) each section including a pattern of micro-optical structures; and

Nothing stated specifically regarding this requirement for "pattern" and "structures"

D) patterns on adjacent sections are different from one another

Mirrored images of adjacent grooves 920

In the language of claim 20, a "pattern of microstructures" requires more than one microstructure, arranged in a specific pattern. Further, adjacent sections require different patterns.

Simply put, referring to Fig. 19 of Jaskie, if adjacent grooves 920 are considered part of the same section, then Jaskie does not also disclose an adjacent section with a different pattern of microstructures. Instead the adjacent section has the same pattern.

If instead, adjacent grooves 920 are part of different sections, then each section does not include greater than one microstructure, nor a specific pattern of "structures", as is required.

Although the structures are different in Fig. 16 of Jaskie, a similar argument may be made.

Independent claim 25 (method claim) requires:

- A) Arranging micro-optical structures in a layer;
- B) Arranging micro optical structures in at least two sections;
- C) Each section including a pattern of micro-optical structures; and
- D) Patterns of micro-optical structures at least in adjacent sections are different from one another.

Thus the same arguments are applicable to the rejection of independent claim 25 as well. The remaining claims depend directly from either independent claim 20 or 25.

In the telephone interview of April 7, 2011, the preceding arguments (with regard to claim 20) were presented to the Examiner and the Examiner stated that the arguments were persuasive in overcoming the present rejection based on the Jaskie reference. Reiteration of that conclusion, as well as withdrawal of the present rejection of all claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Jaskie is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. FRG-16076.

Respectfully submitted,
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